

monitoring the use limit for group resources to determine if the use limit for group resources is exceeded; and

terminating communication between the electronic groupware communication server and the communication units when the use limit for group resources is exceeded.

27. (New) The method according to claim 26 wherein the use limit for group resources is based on a data transmission size of electronic mail messages received and transmitted.

28. (New) The method according to claim 26 wherein the use limit for group resources is based on an allocated expense for transmitting and receiving electronic mail messages.

29. (New) The method according to claim 26 further comprising: assigning each user in the first group an individual use limit; and monitoring the individual use limit of each user.

30. (New) The method according to claim 29 further comprising applying the individual use limit for individual electronic mail messages.

31. (New) The method according to claim 29 further comprising: applying the individual use limit for individual electronic mail messages; and applying the use limit for group resources for groupware data transfers.

32. (New) The method according to claim 26 further comprising applying the use limit for group resources for groupware data transfers.